

Safe & Well Waypoint

Occupational Health & Safety Talks

protecting the worker through safe practices & internal responsibility



Slips, Trips, and Falls

Remember: **WINTER IS HERE!!**



RECOGNIZE THE HAZARD

Consider these when assessing the hazard;

- ◆ Floor surface
Uneven surfaces, lighting, cleaning practices, improper footwear, inadequate maintenance, trip hazards, snow, water, flooring type.
- ◆ Cleaning method
What types of cleaner are used, and are the proper mixing instructions followed? solutions.
- ◆ Footwear
Is the footwear appropriate?
- ◆ Environment
What obstructions and trip hazards exist?
- ◆ Work activity
Does work involve wet areas (e.g. tub room), traveling in poor weather conditions, walking on wet surfaces, using step stools/ladders?
- Behaviour
Running, failure to clean up spills/post wet floor signage, carrying materials too high, failure to follow/enforce safe work procedures, failure to audit for safe / appropriate footwear / work practices

WORKERS RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Understand and follow your Waypoint policies/expectations re PPE and Dress Code.
- ◆ Be aware of fall hazards and report them to a Supervisor right away as well as in SPIRiT.
- ◆ Take the time needed to do the job properly. Do not take shortcuts.
- ◆ Wear appropriate footwear for the weather conditions.

****ice and snow require appropriate footwear****

POTENTIAL CAUSES

Do you always correct these slip and trip hazards?

- spills on floors
- poor lighting
- loose mats and rugs
- slippery walking surfaces
- cables lying on the floor
- clutter and obstacles in walkways
- changes of floor level and slopes
- slippery, wet or icy walking surfaces
- unsuitable footwear for the conditions



MANAGER REMINDERS:

- ◆ Review how many slip and fall incidents were reported in the past year.
- ◆ Where are the incidents occurring most frequently?
- ◆ What has been/ is being done to minimize the risk?
- ◆ What else needs to be done to minimize/negate the risk?
- ◆ Have solutions been communicated to Staff?
- ◆ Ensure Staff are wearing appropriate footwear !

Be aware of...

Slips A black silhouette of a person slipping on a surface.

Trips A black silhouette of a person tripping over an object on the floor.

Falls A black silhouette of a person falling from a height.

Over 35% of all major injuries reported each year are caused by a result of a slip, trip or fall - this is the single most common cause of injury at work.